

NORTH CAROLINA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/> A c. RACE <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> O <input type="radio"/> I d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ M M D D Y Y g. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y	6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) <input type="radio"/> F 7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) 8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d. I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. <input type="radio"/> G b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. <input type="radio"/> G c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. <input type="radio"/> G d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. <input type="radio"/> G e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. <input type="radio"/> G f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. <input type="radio"/> G g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. <input type="radio"/> G h. The information on this form is true and complete. <input type="radio"/> H i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ j. DATE _____ M M D D Y Y
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ 3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____ c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____ e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) _____ 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) _____ _____ _____ _____ 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) _____ _____ _____	9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) DATE SIGNED _____ M M D D Y Y

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

A. You are requested to fill out this box. This data is requested from some states by the Department of Justice in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: I=American Indian, B=Black, W=White, O=Other.

B. Though optional, providing your Driver's License number in this blank would be helpful in processing your application.

C. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

D. Provide the complete street address of your North Carolina voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence. Please note that the

local board of elections may make a reasonable investigation concerning your residence. Written verification of residency may be required.

E. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

F. **You must register with a party to vote in that party's primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary.** If you indicate a political party that is not a qualified party, or indicate no party, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated". You must write the name of your political party affiliation (Example: Democratic, Republican, or other qualified party), "Unaffiliated", or "None" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. To change or declare your political party choice, you must complete this section and return the FPCA at least 25 days before the election.

G. Check ONE box.

H. The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of North Carolina and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections within a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

(1) **To register and request an absentee ballot**, send a completed FPCA or written request to the county board of elections any time before the election.

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(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

Absentee ballots are available 50 days before an election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

The FPCA is not sworn to or witnessed. The certificate on the ballot return envelope must be witnessed by two persons 18 year of age or older. Witnesses must provide their signatures and addresses.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

North Carolina currently does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot. However, new legislation has passed and is pending preclearance by the Department of Justice. Check the FVAP web site at www.fvap.ncr.gov under FVAP Publications/*Voting Assistance Guide* for an update of this section.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of North Carolina and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in North Carolina.

The following people are eligible to register absentee:

- civilians attached to and serving with the U.S. Armed Forces outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- members of the Peace Corps (for local, state and Federal office ballots)

The following people are not eligible to register absentee and must register prior to departure from the U.S. in order to receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. Otherwise, follow applicable procedures below to receive an affidavit-application and a ballot for Federal offices only:

- North Carolina residents temporarily outside the U.S. who are unaffiliated with the U.S. government
- overseas citizens

B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections within a calendar year.

(1) **If you are eligible to register absentee**, you may register and request an absentee ballot by sending a completed FPCA or written request to the county board of elections.

If you are eligible to register absentee and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county board of elections any time before the election, indicating your request for an absentee ballot.

If you are not eligible to register absentee, send your completed FPCA to the county board of elections so that it arrives not earlier than 50 days before the election and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. If you had registered prior to your departure from North Carolina, local election officials will send you a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. If you did not register prior to your departure from North

Carolina, local election officials will send you an affidavit-application to be completed and returned with the ballot for Federal offices.

(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

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If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Late Registration

Any member of the Uniformed Services who is qualified to vote absentee and returns to North Carolina after the registration records have closed, may still register and vote in person up to and including election day.

B. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person convicted of a felony may not register to vote, unless that person is restored to the rights of citizenship.

C. Cancellation of Registration

Any person who fails to respond to confirmation mailings and who fails to contact the county board of elections office through the next two consecutive general elections for Federal office following the date of the mailing may be removed from the registration rolls.

D. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration or denial is sent.

E. Action If Registration Is Denied

If registration is denied, provide the information requested in the notice of denial. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

F. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Alamance	Graham	27253-2804
Alexander	Taylorsville	28681-0326
Alleghany	Sparta	28675-0065
Anson	Wadesboro	28170-0768
Ashe	Jefferson	28640-0276
Avery	Newland	28657-0145
Beaufort	Washington	27889-1016
Bertie	Windsor	27983-0312
Bladen	Elizabethtown	28337-0512
Brunswick	Bolivia	28422-0002
Buncombe	Asheville	28802-7468
Burke	Morganton	28680-0798
Cabarrus	Concord	28026-1315
Caldwell	Lenoir	28645-0564
Camden	Camden	27921-0206
Carteret	Beaufort	28516-1898
Caswell	Yanceyville	27379-0698
Catawba	Newton	28658-0132
Chatham	Pittsboro	27312-0111
Cherokee	Murphy	28906-0816
Chowan	Edenton	27932-0133
Clay	Hayesville	28904-0687
Cleveland	Shelby	28151-1299
Colombus	Whiteville	28472-0037
Craven	New Bern	28560-4911
Cumberland	Fayetteville	28301-5740
Currituck	Currituck	27929-0177
Dare	Manteo	27954-1000
Davidson	Lexington	27293-1084
Davie	Mocksville	27028-2425
Duplin	Kenansville	28349-0975
Durham	Durham	27702-0868
Edgecombe	Tarboro	27886-0010
Forsyth	Winston-Salem	27101-2730
Franklin	Louisburg	27549-2503
Gaston	Gastonia	28053-1396
Gates	Gatesville	27938-0621
Graham	Robbinsville	28771-1239
Granville	Oxford	27565-0083
Greene	Snow Hill	28580-0583
Guilford	Greensboro	27402-3427
Halifax	Halifax	27839-0101
Harnett	Lillington	27546-0356
Haywood	Waynesville	28786-2599
Henderson	Hendersonville	28793-2090
Hertford	Winton	27986-0416
Hoke	Raeford	28376-1565
Hyde	Swanquarter	27885-0152
Iredell	Statesville	28677-5802

County	County Seat	Zip Code	County	County Seat	Zip Code
Jackson	Sylva	28779-2705	Randolph	Asheboro	27203-5509
Johnston	Smithfield	27577-1172	Richmond	Rockingham	28379-1843
Jones	Trenton	28585-0263	Robeson	Lumberton	28359-2159
Lee	Sanford	27331-1443	Rockingham	Wentworth	27375-0208
Lenoir	Kinston	28502-3503	Rowan	Salisbury	28144-4365
Lincoln	Lincolnton	28092-2601	Rutherford	Rutherfordton	28139-0927
McDowell	Marion	28752-1509	Sampson	Clinton	28328-0033
Macon	Franklin	28734-3098	Scotland	Laurinburg	28352-3820
Madison	Marshall	28753-0142	Stanly	Albemarle	28001-5702
Martin	Williamston	27892-0801	Stokes	Danbury	27016-0034
Mecklenburg	Charlotte	28204-2897	Surry	Dobson	27017-0372
Mitchell	Bakersville	28705-0381	Swain	Bryson City	28713-0133
Montgomery	Troy	27371-0607	Transylvania	Brevard	28712-0868
Moore	Carthage	28327-0787	Tyrrell	Columbia	27925-0449
Nash	Nashville	27856-0305	Union	Monroe	28111-1106
New Hanover	Wilmington	28401-4529	Vance	Henderson	27536-4566
Northampton	Jackson	27845-0603	Wake	Raleigh	27602-0695
Onslow	Jacksonville	28540-4258	Warren	Warrenton	27589-0803
Orange	Hillsborough	27278-0220	Washington	Plymouth	27962-1007
Pamlico	Bayboro	28515-0464	Watauga	Boone	28607-0528
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City	27907-0028	Wayne	Goldsboro	27533-1240
Pender	Burgaw	28425-1232	Wilkes	Wilkesboro	28697-2428
Perquimans	Hartford	27944-0336	Wilson	Wilson	27894-2121
Person	Roxboro	27573-5263	Yadkin	Yadkinville	27055-0877
Pitt	Greenville	27835-0056	Yancey	Burnsville	28714-0763
Polk	Columbus	28722-0253			

“Give It All You’ve Got - Vote”

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